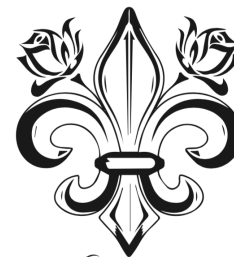


Thorny Issues

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B.J. Abshire-Editor

January 20th Meeting

The Urban Naturalist, Marcus Descant, will be our guest speaker. His presentation will be on organic gardening. We hope you can come and guests are always welcome. Juan will sharpen your pruners at the Jan meeting. Clean them beforehand if possible.

Membership Dues are Due

We're off to a good start on members and dues. \$20 for individuals and \$25 for husband/wife. Please mail to BJ - address on last page - or pay at the January meeting. Thanks

Thanks

Great Christmas Banquet!! Thanks to Kathy Nieto for the delicious taco soup and thanks to all the other members who brought dishes to go with it.

Gulf District Workshop 2022

A one day event is in the works for spring...March 26 in Shreveport at America's Rose Garden in Shreveport. See page 2

Consulting Rosarian Webinar Classes

February 5th - Soil & Water, 12th - Fertilizers, 19th - Insects & Disease Control and 26th - Chemical Safety. Anyone can watch the webinars to expand their rose knowledge and CR's can get their credits if needed.

Want to become a CR? Refer questions to Linda Aguzin **ASAP**
malbaguzin@yahoo.com

Rose Center Garden Volunteer Days

January 22 - Volunteer to help ready the new Circle beds for planting.
February 18-19 - annual pruning party at America's Rose Garden in Shreve.
If you can't make the 18th or 19th come any time from the 16th to the 26th.

Refreshments

BJ and Virginia have volunteered to bring food to our January meeting.

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Calendar of Events

January 20, 2022
February 18 & 19, 2022
February 17, 2022
March 25-26, 2022

Acadiana Rose Soc Meeting - Ira Nelson Hort. Center
Pruning Party at America's Rose Garden - Shreveport
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Spring Rose Festival/Garden Marketplace and Gulf District Spring Workshop - Shreveport



Gulf District Early-Spring Workshop

**Held in conjunction with the First Annual
*Spring Rose Festival and Garden Marketplace***

Saturday March 25-26, 2022 Shreveport, LA

Something new. Something different. Something educational for rose growers. Something social. A time to celebrate being in the garden. All of this plus an opportunity to tour the rose gardens at the American Rose Center, purchase roses, purchase rose supplies, browse garden vendor booths and attend rose care programs. The idea is to make this a rose lovers yearly destination similar to the past rose and garden festivals held at Antique Rose Emporium, TX and Crystal Springs, MS.

There will be a number of vendors offering roses, crafts and garden supplies. At scheduled times, 20 minute rose garden sessions will be offered covering a variety of topics such as general rose care, recommended OGRs, modern and newly introduced roses, insect and disease control, soil care, fertilizing, rose propagation from cuttings and grafting techniques, preparing blooms for a rose show, arrangements for home and arrangements for a rose show. Several sessions will be going on simultaneously. Rosarians will pick and choose which sessions they wish to attend.

Instead of a Mid-Winter Workshop this will be an Early-Spring Workshop. Instead of being held in a hotel or convention center this will be held in a garden. Usually Mid-Winter Workshops provide educational sessions that allow those attending to earn credits to maintain their status as Consulting Rosarians. Now, these credits can be earned online each Saturday in February by attending sessions of the Consulting Rosarian School. The Early Spring Workshop programs will not be for credit but they will be practical and useful to all rosarians.

More information on the event coming. Details for registration will be in the February newsletter or possibly earlier in an email.



Rose Growing Seminar

**The Golden Triangle Rose Society
invites you to join us for its Annual Free Rose Seminar
Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Beaumont Botanical Gardens located within Tyrrell Park
6088 Babe Zaharias Dr.**

**Learn about bed preparation, rose varieties, rose care and pruning.
For more information contact Sherry at 409-659-0212**

Membership Dues are Now Due

~ We Love Having You as a Member ~

Renew your 2022 Acadiana RS Membership -

ARS memberships are January through December. **Treasurer BJ Abshire** will be accepting new and renewed memberships at the January and February meetings or by mail... \$20 for individual & \$25 for couples. Thank you for being prompt.



The following members have paid dues:

BJ Abshire	Carolyn Brupbacher
Pia & T. Albuquerque	Karen Molbert
Starr Berthelot	Juan & Kathy Nieto
Evelyn Bethel	Sarah Oubre
Mary Bergeron	Steve Roussell
Jean Bonneau	Lou Savoy
Virginia Bowen	Vanessa Sam
Letha Briggs	

Thanks

This - n - That

Request free catalogs and order roses

Jackson & Perkins Roses www.jacksonandperkins.com
Toll-free 1 800 292-4769
David Austin Roses www.davidaustinroses.com
Toll free 1 800 328-8893
Antique Rose Emporium www.weAREroses.com
979-836-9051

After major pruning in Feb. it is recommended you spray a dormant oil or lime sulfur on your bushes and surrounding bed area to kill any overwintering blackspot spores.

If you don't have these products you can get the same results by spraying a fungicide containing Mancozeb such as Dithane M-45, Dithane 75DF or Pentathlon. These are the contact or "killer" fungicides. All these products can be purchased at All Seasons nursery, Chastant's Farm and Garden, online and other retailers.

Roses in the MG Demo Garden

President, Juan Nieto, has prepared a 4 ft x 30 ft. long bed to plant modern roses to be used for educational purposes at the Lafayette Parish Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden. Juan has a few roses ready to plant and members have suggested many good varieties. We are hoping to get some roses donated by members and other sources. Please let Juan know if you would like to sponsor a rose. Members will also have an opportunity to help with the planting and maintenance of the roses and bed later in the growing season. More info at upcoming meetings.

Chastant's Farm & Garden-Pinhook Rd.

Roses are here...Come and Get 'Em

'Don Juan' - climber	'Secret's Out' (sport of 'Secret')
'Eden' - climber	'Sweet Mademoiselle'
'Tequila Gold'	'Mister Lincoln'
'Leonardo de Vinci'	'The McCartney Rose'
'Cinco de Mayo'	'Love and Peace'
'Stiletto'	'Savannah'
'Sitting Pretty'	'Frances Meiland'
'Beverly'	'Enchanted Peace'
'Double Delight'	
'Rio Samba'	

All Roses \$18.95 except
"Peggy Martin Rose" \$24.00

Sources for Mail Order Roses

A Reverence for Roses - Florida www.areverenceforroses.com
Antique Rose Emporium - Texas www.weareroses.com
Chamblee's Rose Nursery - Texas www.chambleeroses.com
Heirloom Roses - Oregon www.heirloomroses.com
K&M Roses - Mississippi www.kandmroses.com
Roses Unlimited - North Carolina www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com
Cool Roses - Florida www.coolroses.com
High Country Roses - Colorado www.highcountryroses.com
Northland Rosarium - Washington State www.northlandrosarium.com
Angel Gardens - Florida www.angelgardens.com
Edmunds Roses - California www.edmundsroses.com
Regan Nursery - California www.regannursery.com
David Austin Roses - Texas www.davidaustinroses.com
Rose Petals Nursery - Florida www.rosepetalsnursery.com
Rogue Valley Roses - Oregon www.roguevalleyroses.com
Wayside Gardens - North Carolina www.waysidegardens.com
Witherspoon Roses - North Carolina www.witherspoonroses.com

New bushes
from
Chastants



CenLa Rose Society Invites You to attend their March meeting...

Poole Bros Nursery - Forest Hill, LA
Saturday, March 5, 10:00 am
3 gallon pots of roses for sale...Plus
perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees

More info next month

THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Which Membership should I choose?

- **Individual Membership** is for one person younger than 65 years of age.
 - **Joint Membership** is for two members of the same household. All the benefits of membership are enjoyed by both, but only one magazine is delivered to the household.
 - **Senior Membership** is for one person over the age of 65.
 - **Senior Joint Membership** is for two members of the same household, one of whom is over the age of 65. All the benefits of membership are enjoyed by both, but only one magazine is delivered to the household.
 - **Canadian Membership** is for one person residing in Canada.
 - **Canadian Joint** is for two members of the same household residing in Canada. All the benefits of membership are enjoyed by both, but only one magazine is delivered to the household.
 - **International Membership** is for one person residing outside the United States or Canada.
 - **International Joint** is for two members of the same household residing outside the United States or Canada. Benefits of membership are enjoyed by both, but only one magazine is delivered to the household.
 - **Associate Membership** if the main member of the household is a Lifetime Member; or if you have more than two adults in your household who wish to belong to the ARS, please choose this category of membership.
 - **Youth Membership** is for one person under the age of 16. Youth members enjoy all* the benefits of membership, including a special quarterly e-newsletter, but do not receive the magazine. (*Youth members are not eligible to vote.)
 - **Lifetime Membership** is for one person under the age of 65 who wants to enjoy the benefits of membership in the ARS for their lifetime.
 - **Senior Lifetime Membership** is for one person over the age of 65 who wants to enjoy the benefits of membership in the ARS for their lifetime.
 - **Trial membership** in the ARS! An \$86 value for just \$10! You will receive two issues of the beautiful American Rose magazine, your member ID card; allowing you discounts with our Member Benefit Partners, along with free or discounted admission to more than 200 gardens and arboreta across the country.
- *Joint members have their own account and receive all the same benefits as the full ARS member, but do not receive an America Rose magazine.

ARS membership dues are:

1 year membership

Individual - \$49
Senior - 65 plus - \$46
Joint - \$62
Senior Joint - \$59

2 year membership

Individual - \$95
Senior - 65 plus - \$89
Joint - \$117
Senior Joint - \$111

3 year membership

Individual - \$140
Senior - 65 plus - \$132
Joint - \$170
Senior Joint - \$162



FACT OR FICTION

By: Vanessa Sam - CR

1. Fertilizing roses in November is a good practice. Fact or Fiction
2. Fortuniana, Dr. Huey and Multiflora are often used as rootstock on grafted roses. Fact or Fiction
3. Mutabilis is an old garden rose. Fact or Fiction
4. Acadiana Rose Society has a website and Facebook page. Fact or Fiction
5. A rose rating of 6.3 means that it is a solid to very good rose. Fact or Fiction

Look for answers

Spring Pruning

Why Do I Prune?

Modern roses Do Not go dormant. But winter gives your roses a resting period. Pruning gives your roses that “kick in the butt” to put on new growth. In south Louisiana the traditional date to prune is around Valentine's Day. However, pruning before or after this date is alright. Pruning lets you control the way the rose bush will grow – how large it will get, how many flowers it will have, how large those flowers will be etc. So, there are a few basic rules to follow so your roses are off to a great start.



Hybrid teas

- Remove all dead canes all the way to the bud union. Cut diseased canes until there is all white pith. On grafted plants, remove any suckers coming from below the bud union.
- Remove any growth that is smaller than a pencil. Remember, new stems will never grow larger than the cane from which it grows. Stems must be strong enough to support the size of the blooms you will get.
- Remove any growth that is rubbing and crossing in the center of the bush. You want the inside of the bush to be open for good air and light circulation. The ideal shape should look like a vase or upside down umbrella.
- Traditionally we have been told to cut the cane (stem) at a 45 degree angle and about ¼ inch or more above an outside bud eye at the 5 leaflet leaf. The angle of the cut does not have to be slanting away from the bud eye. Roses are very forgiving and they will still grow and bloom even if you cut straight across the cane.
- Cutting the canes short (12-18 inches long) will give you large flowers and cutting them high (24 inches long) will give you smaller but more flowers. Roses on Fortuniana rootstock are generally cut about waist high.
- Some rosarians do not remove the remaining leaves. I remove the leaves because I want a fresh start in my garden and no lingering blackspot. Those leaves will fall off anyway.
- The last thing to do is begin your spray program for those disease prone bushes. Fungal diseases are a lot easier to prevent than to try and get rid of once they take hold in your garden.



'Ring of Fire' Hybrid Tea

Floribundas and Polyanthas

These have more flower production so leave substantially more stems than with hybrid teas. Many of the stems will be smaller than a pencil.

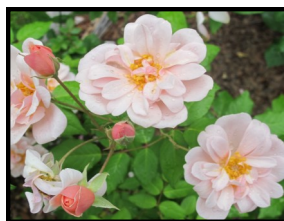
- Remove dead, diseased and damaged stems as with hybrid teas and cut out very small, spindly growth.
- Prune canes/stems to a length of about 24 inches
- I like to remove all remaining leaves on the bush
- Leaving lots of canes will give you an abundance of flowers



'Perle d' Or' - Polyantha



'First Kiss' - Floribunda



'Paul Neyron' - OGR Repeat bloomer

Old Garden Roses

Prune “**one time**” bloomers only after flowering is completed, usually around May or June. Repeat bloomers can be pruned in late winter. Remove dead, diseased, and damaged wood. Shape lightly and remove about 1/3 of the bush. Get to know your old garden roses and learn how much to prune depending on how big you want it to get.

Miniatures and Mini-Floras

Many people grow their minis in pots but they can be just as successful in the ground or raised beds. They are mostly grown on their own roots and have no bud union and no suckers. They are also grown on Fortuniana root stock. Pruning can be labor intensive so many rosarians use hedge clippers if they grow a lot of minis and minifloras, and take off about ½ the height (but will vary with different varieties) and then clean up the inside of the bush a little for good air circulation.



'Autumn Splendor' - miniflora



'Shameless' - miniflora



'Foolish Pleasure' -miniflora



Miniatures in pots



'Be My Baby' - miniature



'Best of '04' miniature

Climbers

Pruning climbers is a little different. Prune "Once Bloomers" only after they have flowered usually May or June. Repeat bloom climbers bloom on old wood – that means last year's growth and older. Do not prune as you do other bushes or you will be cutting off this year's flowers. Generally they will not flower well unless the cane is trained horizontally. Very old canes should be removed at the base in late winter or early spring. This should encourage new canes to grow in.

Unknown climber in Bob & Holly Fell's garden (former members)



'Red Cascade' Miniature climber



'Joseph's Coat' climbing rose

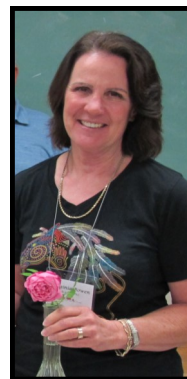


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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Virginia Bowen
Immediate Past President



1. *Where were you born and reared?*

I was born in Nashville, TN and raised on a small farm in Franklin, TN just south of Nashville.

2. *Tell us something about your work career, family, etc.*

I am the administrative/dispatch manager for Hercules Transportation, Inc. My husband, Boyd and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in October 2020. All together we have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

3. *How and when did you first get interested in growing roses?*

My mom has always been a gardener and I get my love of gardening from her. I started growing roses when I bought my first home in the early 80's.

4. *Kinds of roses you grow? Size of garden?*

I grow all types of roses and they are spread over about 3 acres around the house.

5. *Current favorite roses.*

It's hard to pick just one but I am very fond of Beverly (3 bushes - bottom right picture).

6. *Are you interested in other plants?*

I love a wide variety of plants. I am always game to try something new!

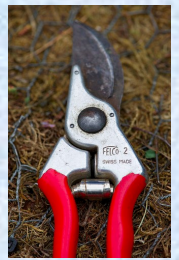
7. *What other hobbies do you have?*

I have had horses most of my life and even though I don't ride anymore, I still have 4 retired guys in my pasture and love taking care of them.



January in the Garden

One thing about growing roses in the South is we have a long growing season...a spring through summer cycle and a fall bloom cycle that can give us blooms through Christmas. That's exactly what we've had this year until the first week in January. We had our first freeze on January 3 and 4th. It was short lived and we were back to the 70's in the same week.



Here's a few things you can do until major pruning in February.

Clean and sharpen your pruners and tools. Sharp tools make cleaner cuts and your job easier. Then get out to the garden and look for **dead, dying, diseased or damaged** wood. You can cut out the 4 "d's" any time of the year. Also, if you spray your roses, check your sprayer to make sure it's in good working order. Do you rinse and clean it well each time you use it? This is important especially after you use a horticultural oil. All this will save you time in February.

Evaluate your roses. Dig up, give away or bring bushes to the January or February meeting that didn't "wow" you. Undesirable bushes can take as much care as good ones. Sometimes we find that where we planted a bush isn't always the best place. Try putting it in a large pot or transplant it to a different location.

Add organics around the drip line mid to late January to get ahead of the game. Organics work slowly and will be ready for the plant to use once the soil has warmed up. You can add singly or a combination of any of the following: fish meal, alfalfa pellets, bone meal, blood meal, compost, Milorganite, Epsom salts, aged cow manure (Black Kow is excellent.) If using singly or a combination of the other products, measure equal amounts in a bucket or container. Mix well then scoop out about 2-3 cups, lightly work into the top of the soil at the drip line of each bush and then water. Miniatures use about 1- 1 1/2 cups. Mills Magic and MicroLife (available at Chastant's Farm & Garden) are also excellent ready to use products. Use 2-3 cups around the drip line and lightly work in and then water. Chastant's also carries their own custom fertilizer mix.

Check the pH of your soil. Roses grow best in soil that is 6.2 to 6.8. You can check it several ways: pH meter, litmus strips, or soil samples. For best results do it before adding fertilizers. If you need to raise the pH, dolomitic lime or garden lime is the product of choice. If you need to lower the pH, sulfur is the product to use.

January, February and even March are excellent months to plant or transplant roses. In an existing bed, if your soil is old or compacted, you can perk it up by working in compost, Black Kow composted cow manure, soil conditioner (pine bark fines) Stines or 100% Organic Compost from Lowes etc. Use a spade fork or shovel to break up compacted soil. Prune first and then dig up the bush you want to transplant and wash the soil off the roots. Trim roots if needed. Plant as you would a bare root rose. I rarely wash off the roots...but just plant it in the pre-dug hole. Stake the bush to keep it stable...especially if it's on Fortuniana rootstock. Mulch and water well.

Growing & Pruning Roses on Fortuniana Rootstock

information from Jim Mills' web site www.kandmroses.com

Most modern roses are grafted or budded because they do not produce a vigorous root system. The rootstock used is usually from a hardy type of rose such as R. multiflora, Dr. Huey, R. manetti, Fortuniana, or some proprietary to the florist industry. I have learned through trial and error that no other rootstock compares with Fortuniana for the south. It is resistant to nematodes, which are prevalent here in the south. Nematodes attack the root system of roses and will destroy it. Fortuniana is also resistant to other root diseases.

The Fortuniana root system is much larger than those of other rootstocks. Its roots are fibrous and extend out from the plant much farther than other rootstocks. Occasionally I have found that the rootstock will form a tap root which I would compare to a tap root on a pine tree - I have pulled up tap roots from my older bushes that were up to four feet long.

This massive root system makes blooms larger and the plants will produce more leaves, which in turn, will make the plant grow larger.

I have Fortuniana rootstock roses in our garden that are over 15 years old, and continue to get larger each year. I have also found that after the first year, the rootstock is as winter hardy as most other root systems.

To view a list of available roses grafted onto Fortuniana rootstock view Jim Mills' web site at www.kandmroses.com

I don't prune our Fortuniana rootstock roses as severely as we do our other bushes. I've found that if you prune Fortuniana too severely, they will have a hard time recovering. The reason is that the massive root system must have lots of energy when the new growth begins. I prune ours in the ground around hip high.

When cutting your roses, always cut back to a 5 leaflet, not a 3 leaflet leaf. If you will cut at the 5 leaflets that are growing to the outside of the bush, it will make the stems grow up and outward. The idea is to make your rose bush look like an upside down umbrella. It takes any where from 50 to 60 days for a bush to repeat bloom so if you are planning for a special occasion you can figure when to prune the plants.

When the blooms are spent you should at least pinch out the old bloom and this will start new growth quicker.

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